



The City of Hartford
Mayor Eddie A. Pérez
and the Department of Development Services
Division of Grants Management
Celebrate the 32nd Annual
National Community Development Week
(April 17-23, 2006)

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*Community Development Block Grants:
Moving Communities Forward*

*Homeownership
is a key component of
Hartford's strong neighborhoods
and communities.*

Hartford Area Habitat For Humanity Housing Site

Corner of Garden & Risley Street

April 19, 2006 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Special thanks to Terri O'Rourke, Director of Institutional Support, Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity, for graciously co-hosting this event.

Today's Program

Welcome: Karen Winey, Grants Program Administrator

Introduction of the Mayor: John Palmieri, Director, Development Services

Remarks and Proclamation: Mayor Eddie A. Pérez

Remarks: Julie Fagan, CPD Director, Hartford Field Office, HUD

Recognition of Outstanding Community Partners:

Donna Taglianetti, Executive Director, Co-opportunity, Inc.

presenting

Jose Fragoso, Youthbuild Graduate



Julie Donahue, Executive Director, Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity

presenting

Jeffrey Fort, New Homeowner



Marilyn Rossetti, Executive Director, Hartford Areas Rally Together

presenting

Hartford Homeowner



Ron Torok and Muhammad Ansari, The Open Hearth



Val Gene Gripes, Housing Counselor, Urban League of Greater Hartford

presenting

Sharon Todd, New Homeowner

Lifetime Achievement Awards:

presented to

Cecile Enrico and Iris Ruiz of Interval House

Closing Remarks: Karen Winey, Grants Program Administrator

Refreshments and Tour of Habitat Home before and after the program

Lifetime Achievement Award Winners



Interval House

Cecile Enrico is the Executive Director and a founding member of Interval House, having worked in the domestic violence field for over 25 years. In 1985 she received an award at the White House from President Reagan for outstanding service to victims of crime. In 1995 she was asked by Gov. Rowland to be a member of the Emily Hernandez Committee (baby Emily case) and participated in developing the first domestic violence protocol for the CT Department of Children and Families. Ms. Enrico holds a bachelor's degree in Social Work.

Iris Ruiz is the Assistant Director of Interval House, and has worked in the domestic violence field for the past twenty years. During this time she has done extensive work with victims of domestic violence including training with law enforcement and advocacy within the judicial system. She is currently responsible for overseeing the 24-hour hotline and the domestic violence shelter program. She also implemented a Spanish support group for battered women, *Comparte Mujer*, through Interval House. Ms. Ruiz sits on Hartford's Continuum of Care Committee and is also working towards her Bachelor's Degree in Human Services.



Co-opportunity, Inc. helps low-income families build the personal and financial assets necessary for lasting success. Their YouthBuild Hartford component is a comprehensive youth and community development program for income-eligible young people ages 18-24 who want to earn their GED and learn basic carpentry skills. During this CDBG program year, YouthBuild students are working on projects including Cityscape Housing, Dutch Point renovation, and several homes for Hartford Habitat for Humanity.



Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with the community to build and renovate decent, affordable housing, which is then sold at no profit and with no interest charged to those who may qualify. With the assistance of CDBG this year, their Homeownership Program will acquire parcels of vacant land (or homes in need of rehab) in the city of Hartford with a specific focus in the Northeast neighborhood.



HART's First Time Homebuyers Program educates low to moderate income prospective home buyers on not just how to buy a home, but how to own a home. With the assistance of CDBG this year, HART's Housing Counseling program will provide individual counseling and classroom instruction to assist individuals in removing impediments to homeownership. Their goal is to have 30 new Hartford homeowners within twelve months.



The Open Hearth's Home Ownership Program serves as a bridge to independent living by enabling residents in the Transitional Living Program to become homeowners in the Hartford community. With the assistance of CDBG this year, The Open Hearth has acquired residential property in the city of Hartford for rehabilitation through the Sheldon Street Housing Corporation for sale to their residents.



The Urban League of Greater Hartford's Housing Department is dedicated to increasing housing opportunities for the Greater Hartford community. Their goal is to promote comprehensive counseling information and education, assistance, and referrals in the areas of rental housing, homeownership, landlord-tenant issues, and mortgage delinquencies. With the assistance of CDBG this year, ULGH hopes to have 30 Hartford homebuyers confirmed as Hartford homeowners within twelve months.